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Lost in Limbo, Soul Crusher Sergei has no clue the Scorched team are desperately trying to save Natasha from the tightening connection of Plague's all-consuming hunger. At the same time, they are dealing with an army of Sin Devourers heading their way.



WHEN MARC HOLDS THE MEDIEVAL
HELMET, HE KNOWS HE'S HOLDING
HISTORY. HE KNOWS WHOEVER WORE
IT IN THE PAST HAS BEEN **WARRING**
AGAINST EVIL FOR CENTURIES. IT'S
THAT PAST, HE SEES **REPEATING**
ITSELF ONCE AGAIN --

LIKE HEROES
CARRYING
THEIR DEAD.

FRIENDS
AMBUSHED BY
THEIR PASTS.

AND GOOD MEN
TURNED CORRUPT.

ALL ARE
VISIONS HE
HAS SEEN
BEFORE...

VATICAN CITY,
THE YEAR 1347.

WHEN THE **BLACK PLAGUE**
TORE THROUGH COUNTLESS
COUNTRY SIDES. FEAR RUNS
RAMPANT, SOME HIDE INDOORS,
WHILE OTHERS SET FIRES TO
WARD OFF RATS AND GHOSTS.

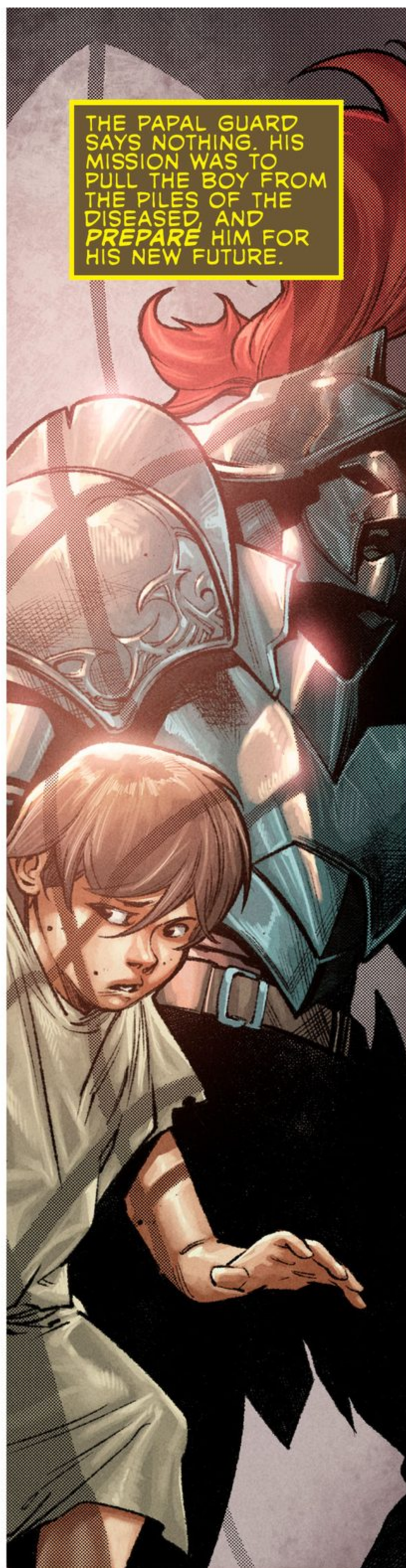


AND BARBARISM
REIGNS AS CHILDREN
ARE FORCED INTO
JOBS NONE SHOULD
HAVE TO ENDURE.



WHY
DOES THE
POPE NEED
ME? I DID
NOTHING!

THE PAPAL GUARD
SAYS NOTHING. HIS
MISSION WAS TO
PULL THE BOY FROM
THE PILES OF THE
DISEASED, AND
PREPARE HIM FOR
HIS NEW FUTURE.



BECAUSE THIS
EMPIRE NEEDS
MORE WARRIORS
TO COMBAT AN
ENEMY MUCH
WORSE THAN
A SICKNESS.



EVERY-
ONE'S DYING,
WHY?

THEY'RE DYING BECAUSE A MONSTER IS ON THE LOOSE. A CREATURE WITH NO MORAL COMPASS BUT IS INSTEAD **DRIVEN** THROUGH INSTINCTS AND THE BLOODLUST OF DOOM.

THOSE THAT HAVE SUCCUMBED ARE TREATED LIKE SOILED SHEETS. TOSSED ONTO PILES, **DRAGGED OFF** TO UNMARKED GRAVES AND BURNING PYRES.

BRING OUT
THE DEAD! BRING OUT
YOUR DEAD!





WITH THE POWER ENTRUSTED TO ME BY POPE CLEMENT, I CONSCRIPT YOU, DEAR BOY, TO FIGHT IN THE ARMY OF YOUR LORD. YOU SHALL **FEEL PAIN** HERE -- SO THAT YOU MIGHT OVERCOME PAIN ON THE **OUTSIDE**.

YOU SHALL BE MADE SICK HERE, SO THAT SICKNESS SHALL NOT FELL YOU IN THE CITY. AND WHEN YOU **DIE**, YOU WILL RISE. NOT TO LEAD US, CHILD, BUT TO OBEY US.



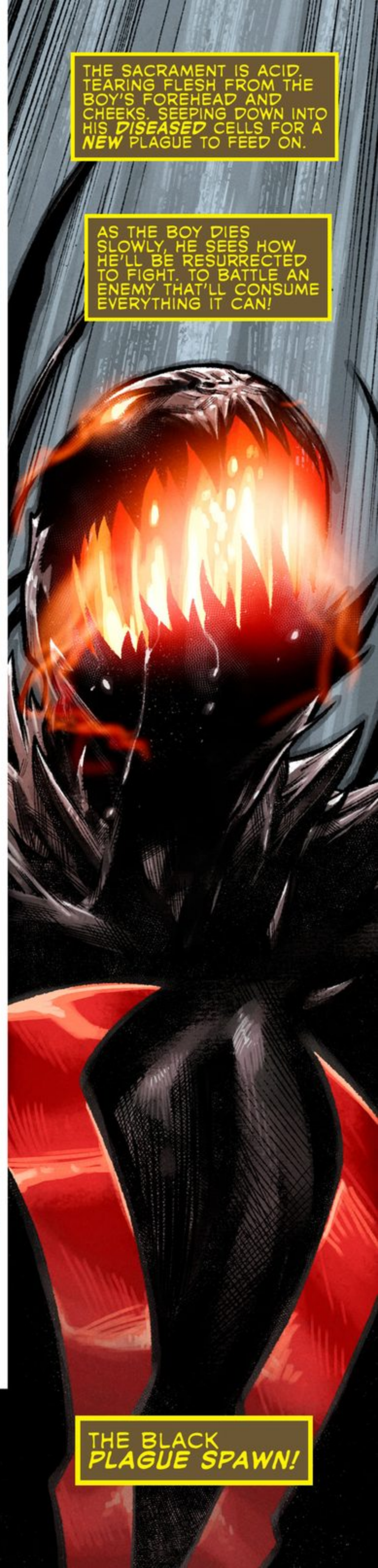
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



WELL, YOU WILL.



DOUSE HIM WITH SACRAMENT.



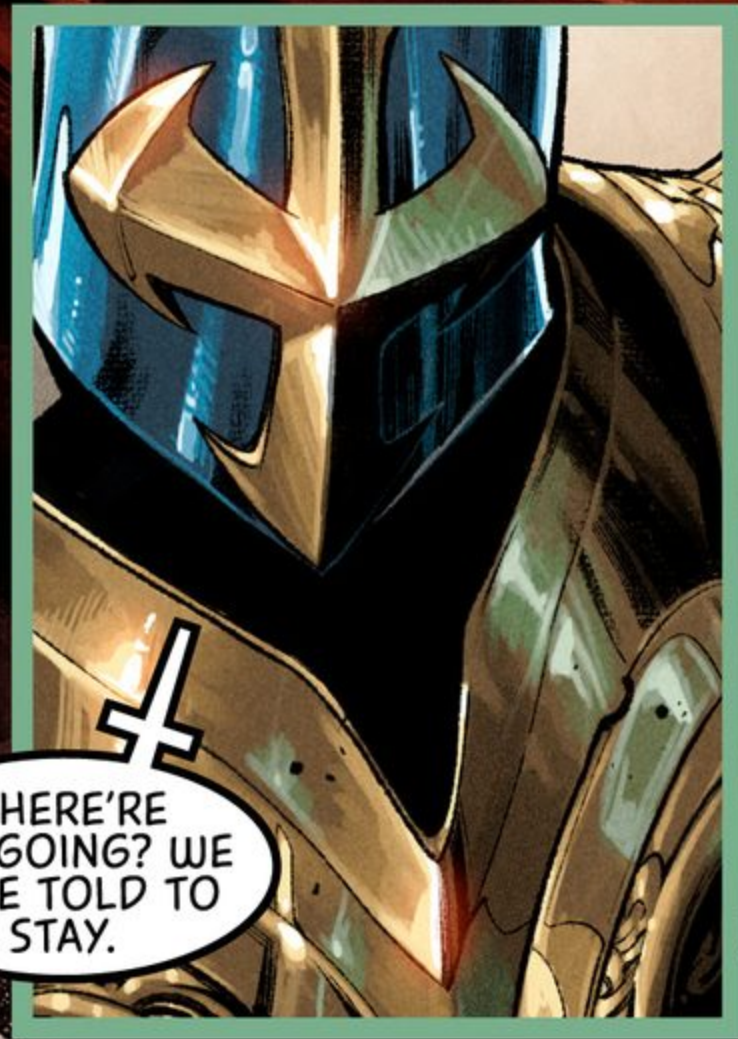
THE SACRAMENT IS ACID, TEARING FLESH FROM THE BOY'S FOREHEAD AND CHEEKS. SEEPING DOWN INTO HIS **DISEASED** CELLS FOR A **NEW** PLAGUE TO FEED ON.

AS THE BOY DIES SLOWLY, HE SEES HOW HE'LL BE RESURRECTED TO FIGHT. TO BATTLE AN ENEMY THAT'LL CONSUME EVERYTHING IT CAN!

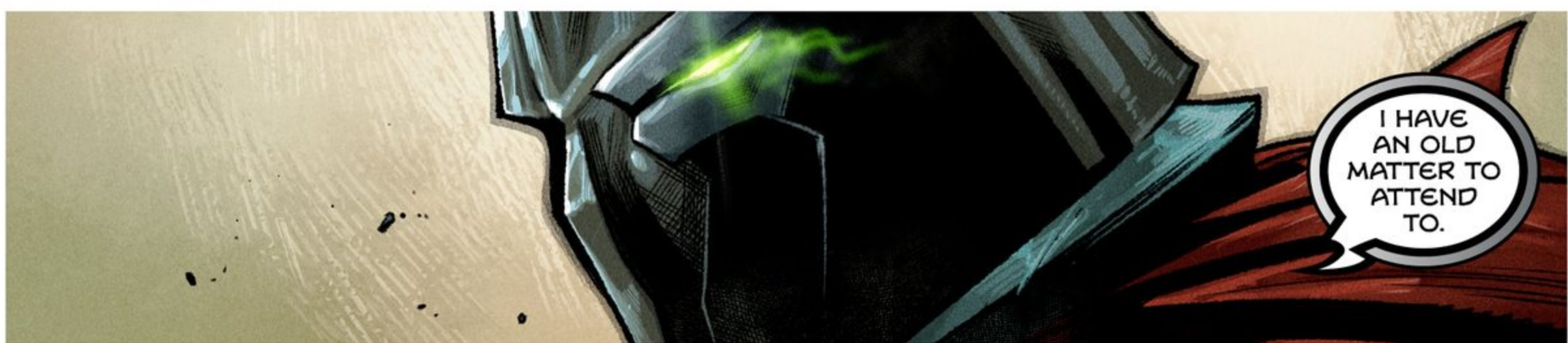
THE BLACK PLAGUE SPAWN!



IN THE PRESENT, THE HELMET HAS CAPTURED MARC'S BODY ONCE AGAIN. ORDERS FROM SHE-SPAWN ARE TO SIT AND WAIT. THE HELL KNIGHT DOESN'T CARE...



WHERE'RE YOU GOING? WE WERE TOLD TO STAY.



I HAVE AN OLD MATTER TO ATTEND TO.



DON'T FOLLOW. PLAGUE IS MY FIGHT. WE HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER AS LONG AS YOU HAVE KNOWN REAPER.



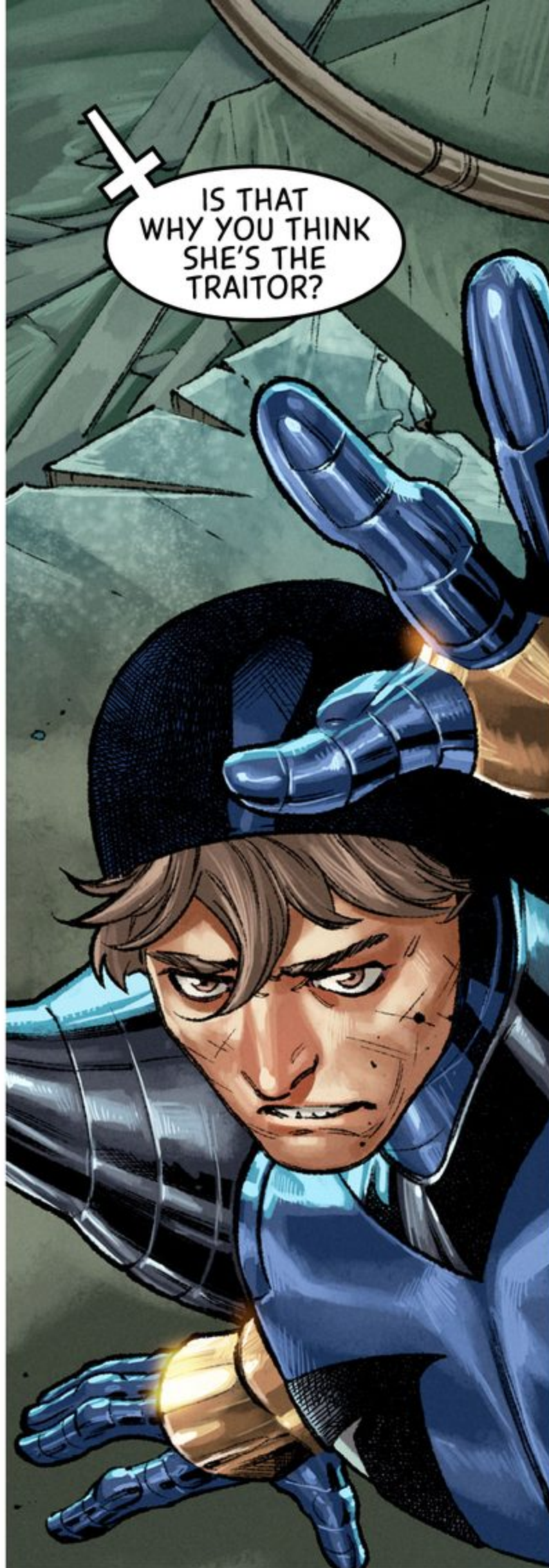
THE WORDS SHAKE REDEEMER. BECAUSE HE KNOWS THE ANSWER TO THAT RIDDLE IS "FOREVER."



WHY'D YOU LET HIM GO? I KNOW YOU'VE SEEN IT... IN THE FUTURE. LIKE I HAVE! THE OTHERS, THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND.

WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN?

JESSICA. AT WAR WITH SIMMONS.



IS THAT WHY YOU THINK SHE'S THE TRAITOR?



I KNOW EVENTS ARE COMING AND SHE'S AT THE HEART OF IT.

SHOW ME.



THIS REDEEMER IS FROM THE FUTURE. HE KNOWS THOSE IN THE SCORCHED WILL DIE, BUT NOT HOW THEY PERISH. TRAITORS AREN'T HIS CONCERN. REAPER AND THE SURVIVAL OF THIS WORLD ARE HIS ONLY GOALS.

MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON THEM.

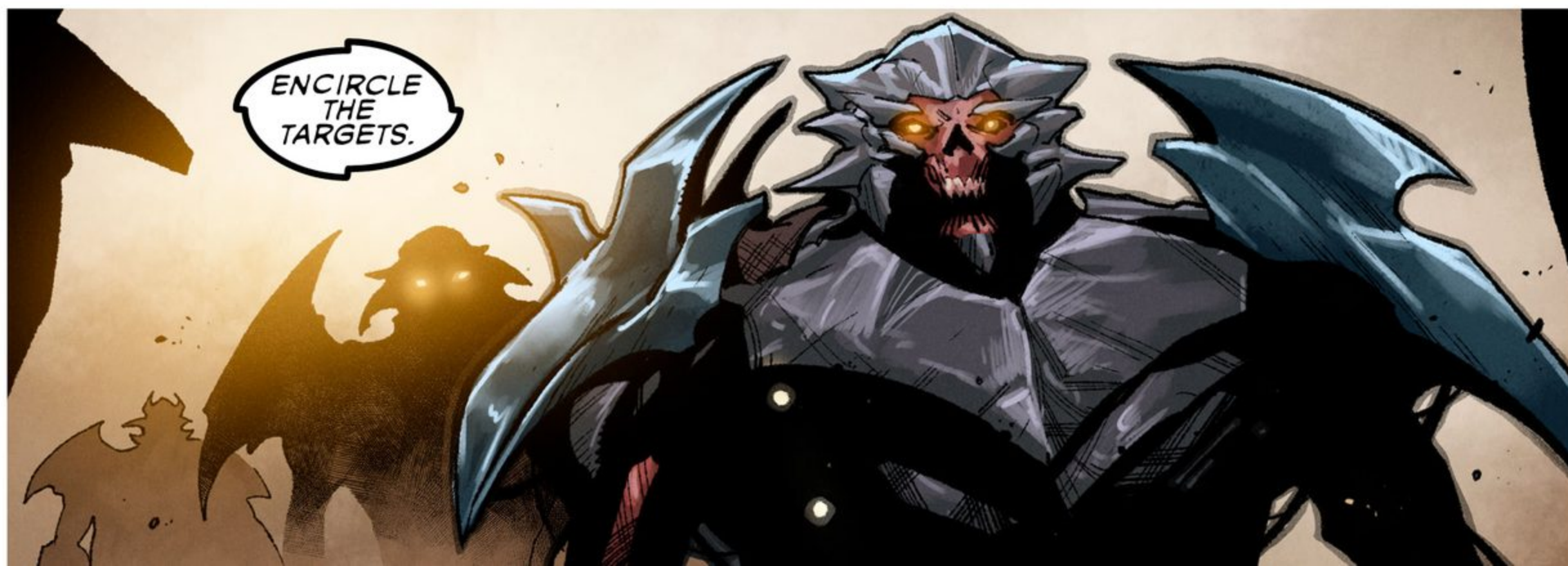
THE QUESTION IS: WHICH **DOMINO** IS GOING TO FALL, THAT WILL BRING THE WORLD TO ITS KNEES? IS IT MADMEN IN BUNKERS? HEROES IN DESERTS? OR IS IT HERE, RIGHT IN FRONT OF ALL OF THEM?



THAT'S WHAT THE SCORCHED NOW FACE. METALLIC GIANT SOLDIERS BUILT FOR A SINGLE PURPOSE...

TO WIPE THE EARTH OF **EVERY** LIVING SPAWN IN EXISTENCE.

ENCIRCLE THE TARGETS.





IT'S A TACTIC AS OLD AS ALEXANDER AND SUN TZU; SURROUND YOUR ENEMY FROM ALL SIDES THEN **ATTACK AS A SWARM.**



EVERYONE, **BATTLE FORMATION!**

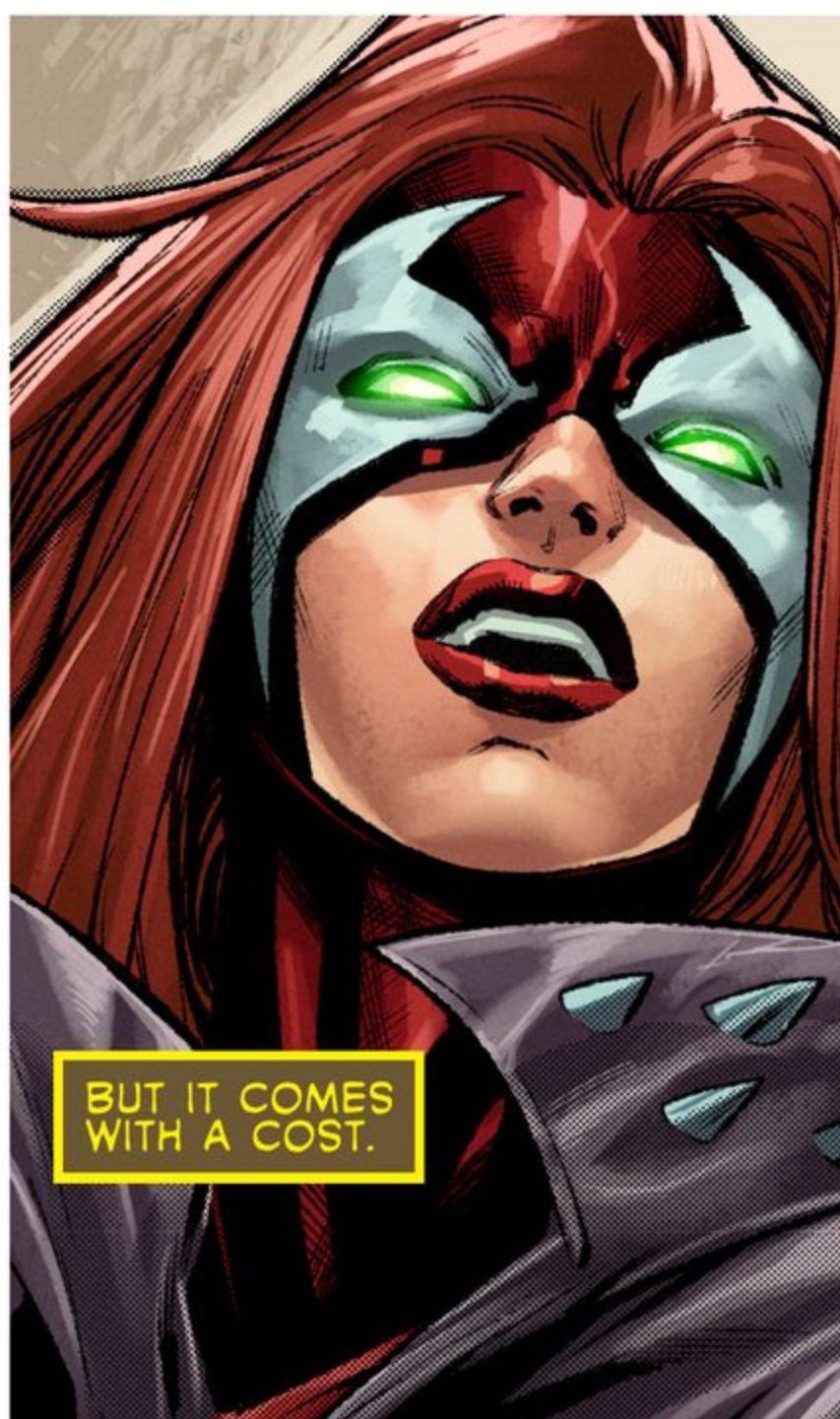
BUT THAT OLD TACTIC ALSO FORCES YOUR ENEMIES TO RISE AND DEFEND THEMSELVES.



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THEIR TECHNOLOGY IS A NEEDED PART OF THEIR PROCESS.



BUT IT COMES WITH A COST.



THAT COST IS TIME!



ENOUGH TIME
FOR OUR HEROES
TO ANALYZE THE
SITUATION TOO.

SCAN
COMPLETE.

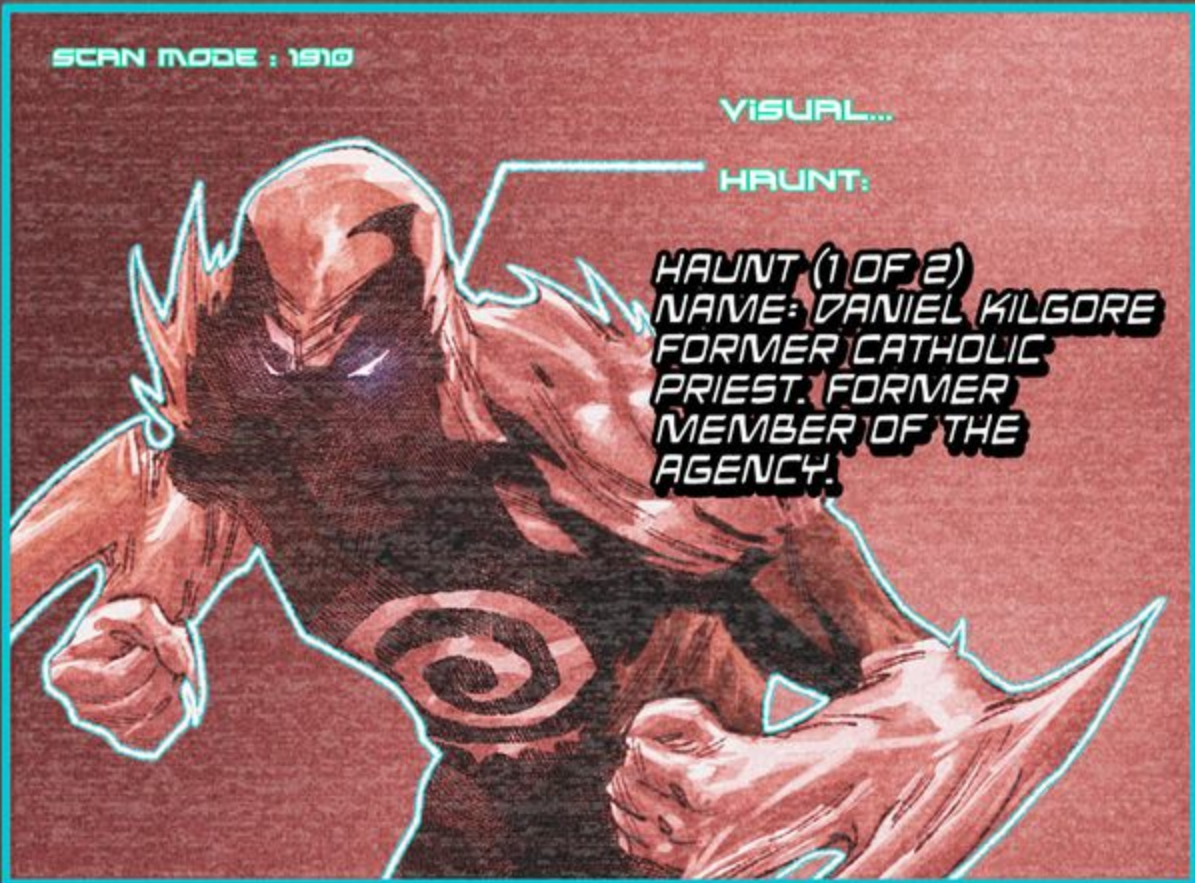


SCAN MODE : 1909

VISUAL...

SHE SPAWN:

SHE SPAWN
JESSICA PRIEST.
FORMER SECRET MILITARY
ASSASSIN. SINGLE MOM.



SCAN MODE : 1910

VISUAL...

HAUNT:

HAUNT (1 OF 2)
NAME: DANIEL KILGORE
FORMER CATHOLIC
PRIEST. FORMER
MEMBER OF THE
AGENCY.



SCAN MODE : 1911

VISUAL...

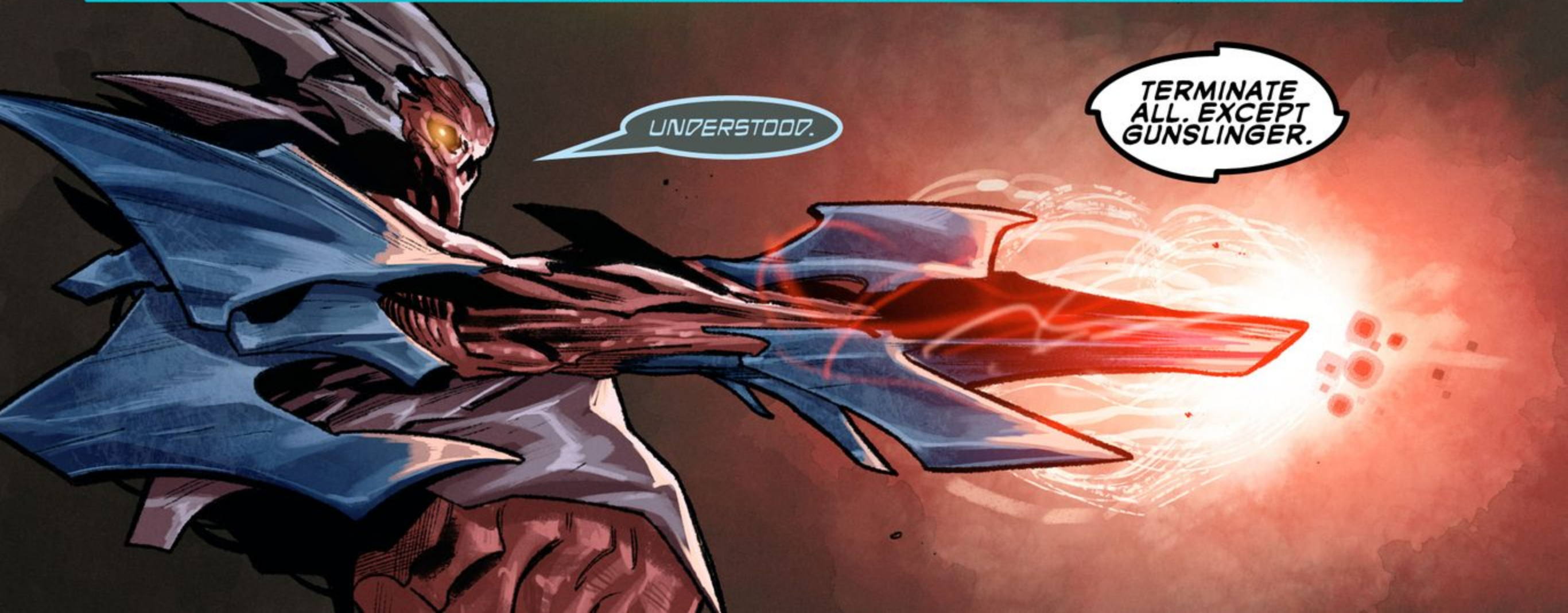
KURT:

HAUNT (2 OF 2)
NAME: KURT KILGORE
DECEASED COMMANDO
OF 'THE AGENCY'.



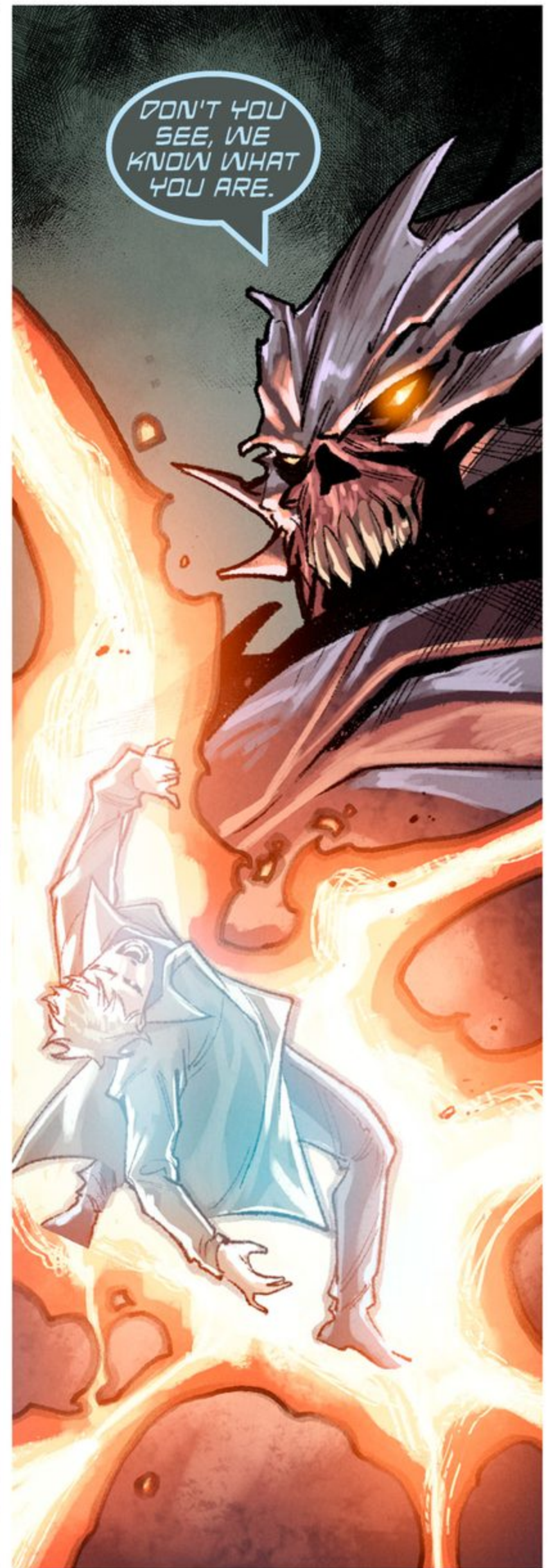
SCAN MODE LOADING...

GUNSLINGER
NO MATCHES.



UNDERSTOOD.

TERMINATE
ALL. EXCEPT
GUNSLINGER.

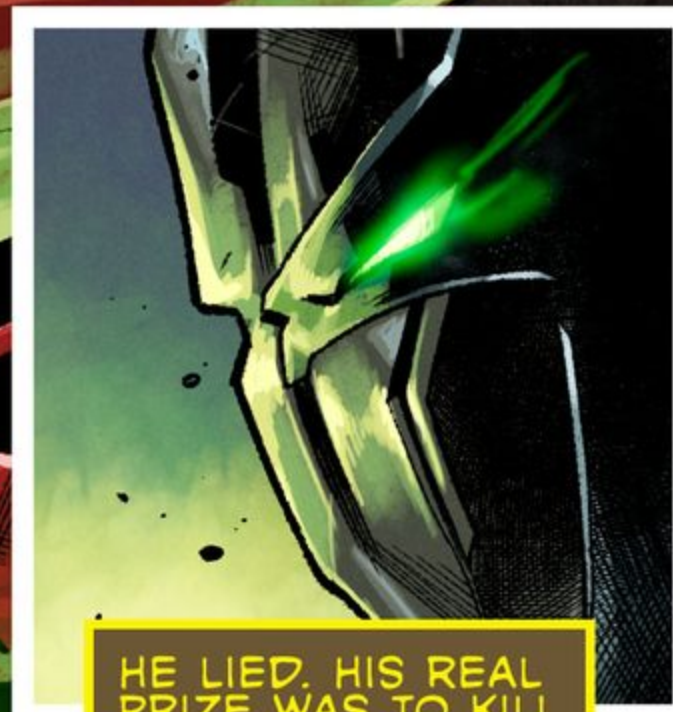


THOUGH MOST SPAWNS WERE BORN IN HELL. ONE OF THEM WAS REJECTED. A SPAWN WHO ITSELF IS BUILT OF SICKNESS AND DESTRUCTION.

THE ONE WHO WAS PATIENT ZERO.



THE PLAGUE!



HE LIED. HIS REAL PRIZE WAS TO KILL PLAGUE. AND HE HAS WANTED TO SINCE HE HAD TO BURY HIS FAMILY.



BECAUSE HE'S NEVER FORGOTTEN.



YOU'VE BEEN REBORN! BROUGHT BACK SO NO SICKNESS CAN RUN THROUGH YOUR BLOOD.

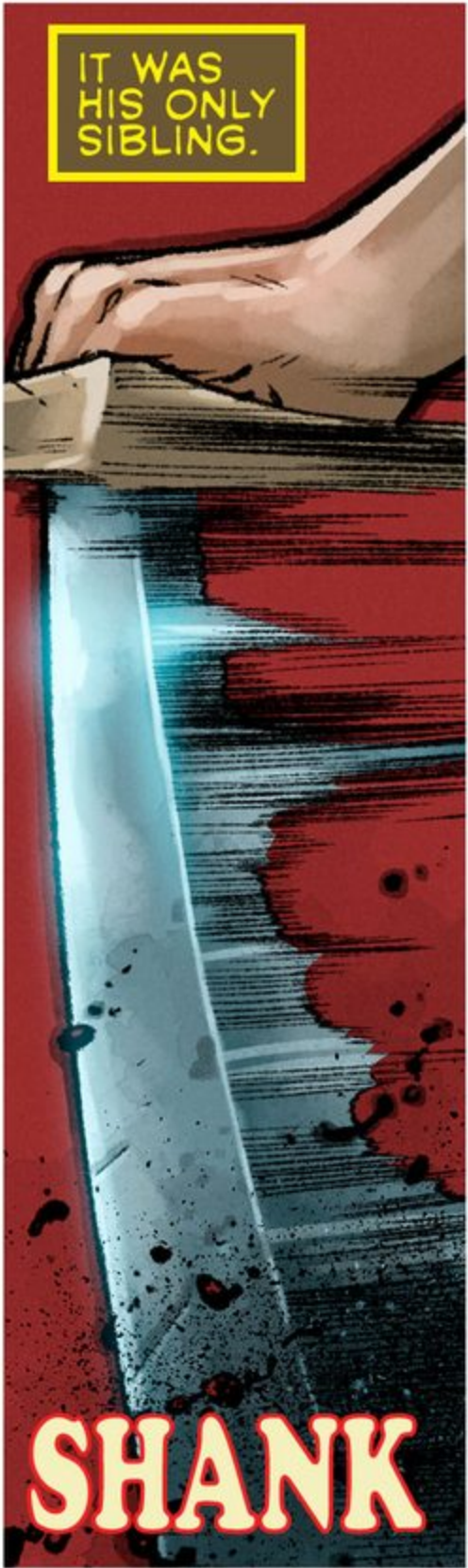
WHY?

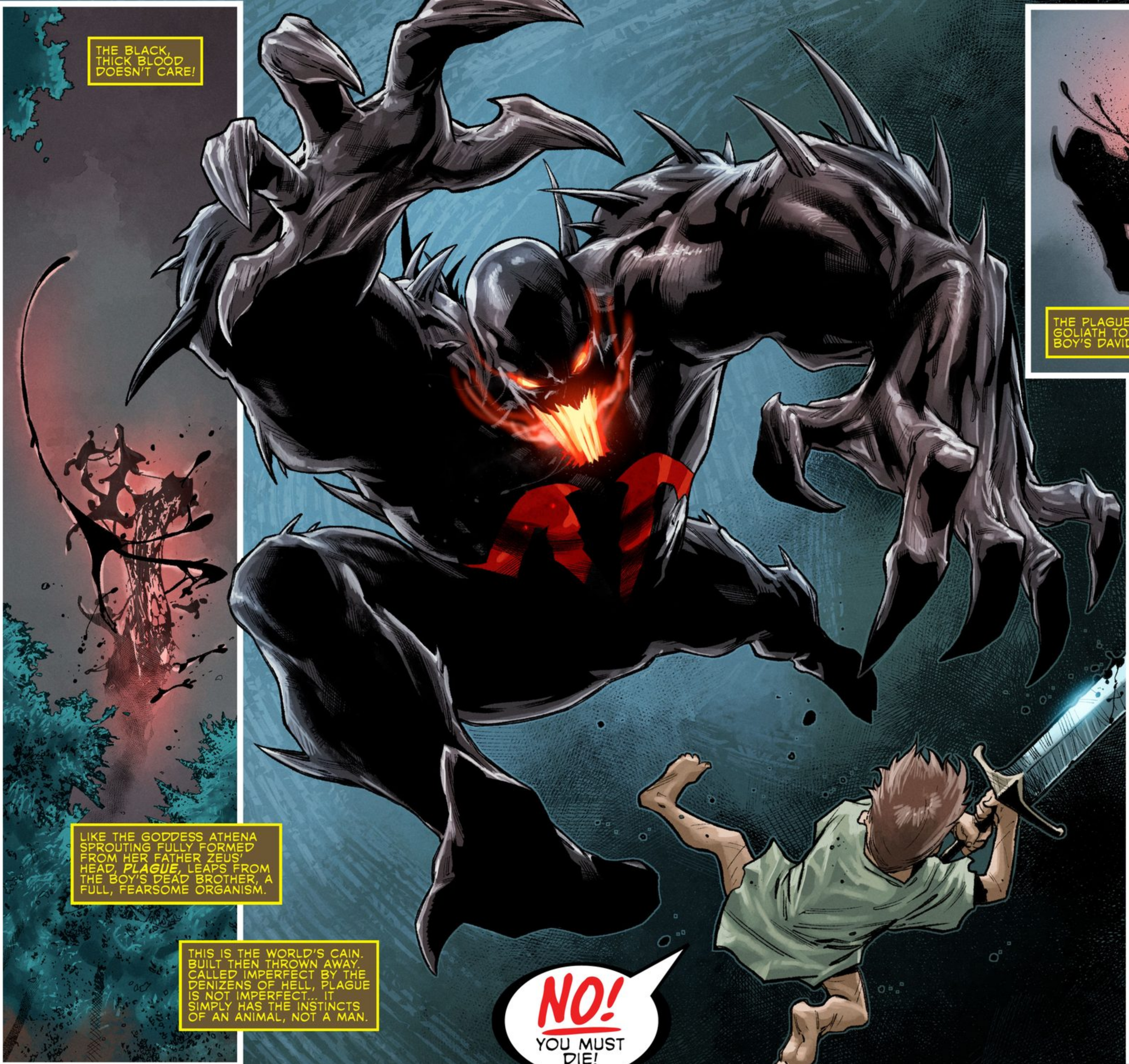
SO, YOU CAN KILL THE DISEASE.



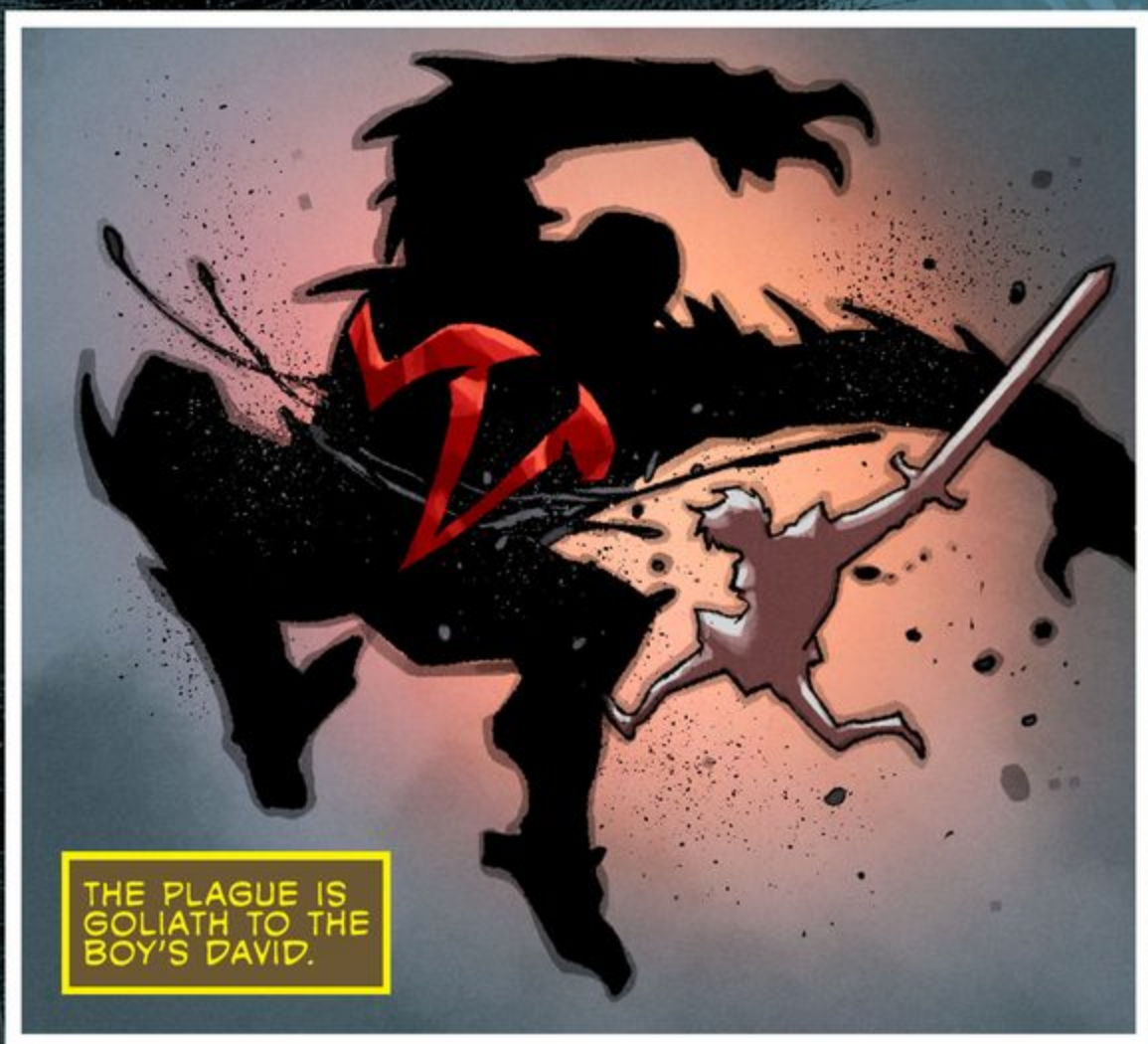
SHE-SPAWN HAD ASKED EACH OF HER TEAM WHAT THEY NEEDED, WHY THEY WERE HERE.

MEDIEVAL SPAWN SAID IT WAS REVENGE ON THE CHURCH.

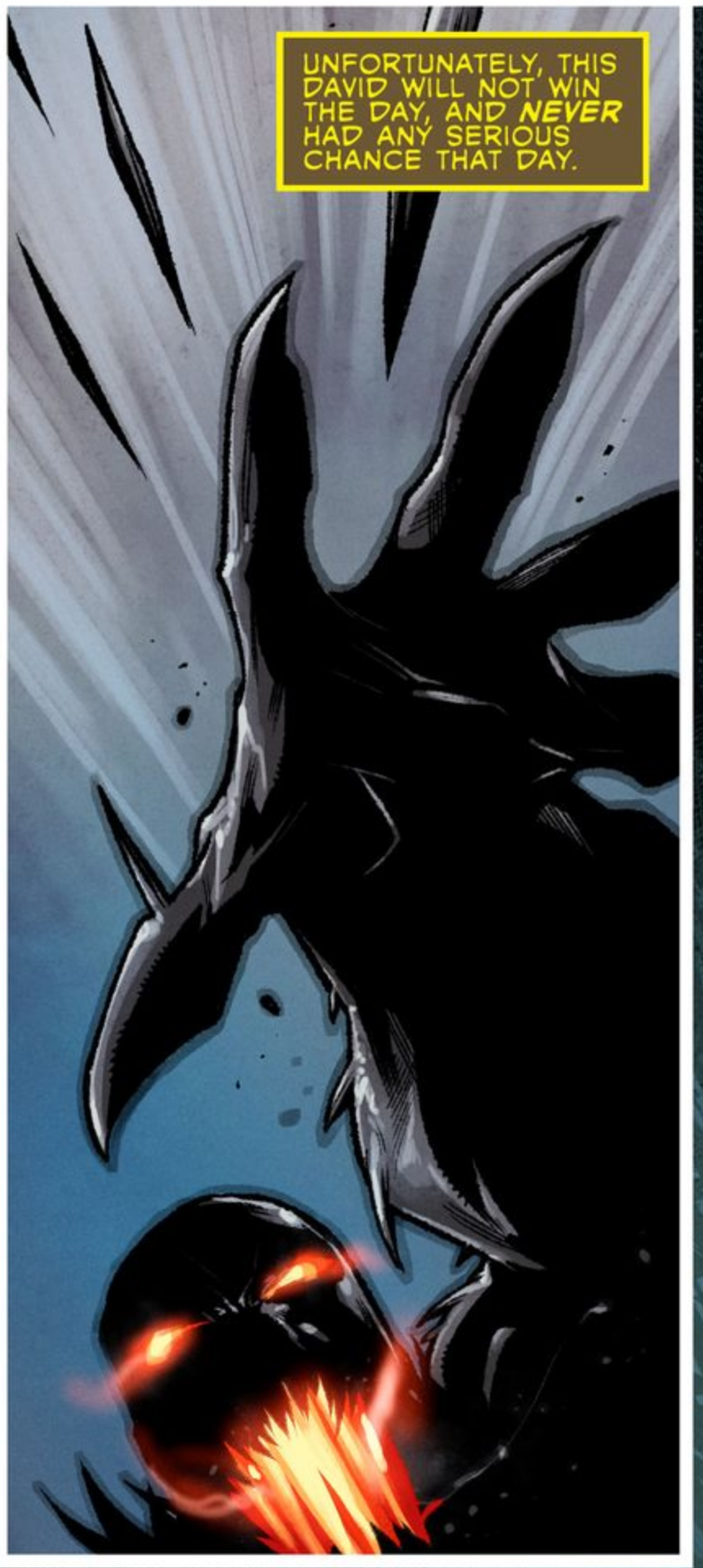




THE BLACK,
THICK BLOOD
DOESN'T CARE!



THE PLAGUE IS
GOLIATH TO THE
BOY'S DAVID.



UNFORTUNATELY, THIS
DAVID WILL NOT WIN
THE DAY, AND **NEVER**
HAD ANY SERIOUS
CHANCE THAT DAY.

LIKE THE GODDESS ATHENA
SPROUTING FULLY FORMED
FROM HER FATHER ZEUS'
HEAD, **PLAGUE**, LEAPS FROM
THE BOY'S DEAD BROTHER, A
FULL, FEARSOME ORGANISM.

THIS IS THE WORLD'S CAIN.
BUILT THEN THROWN AWAY.
CALLED IMPERFECT BY THE
DENIZENS OF HELL, PLAGUE
IS NOT IMPERFECT... IT
SIMPLY HAS THE INSTINCTS
OF AN ANIMAL, NOT A MAN.

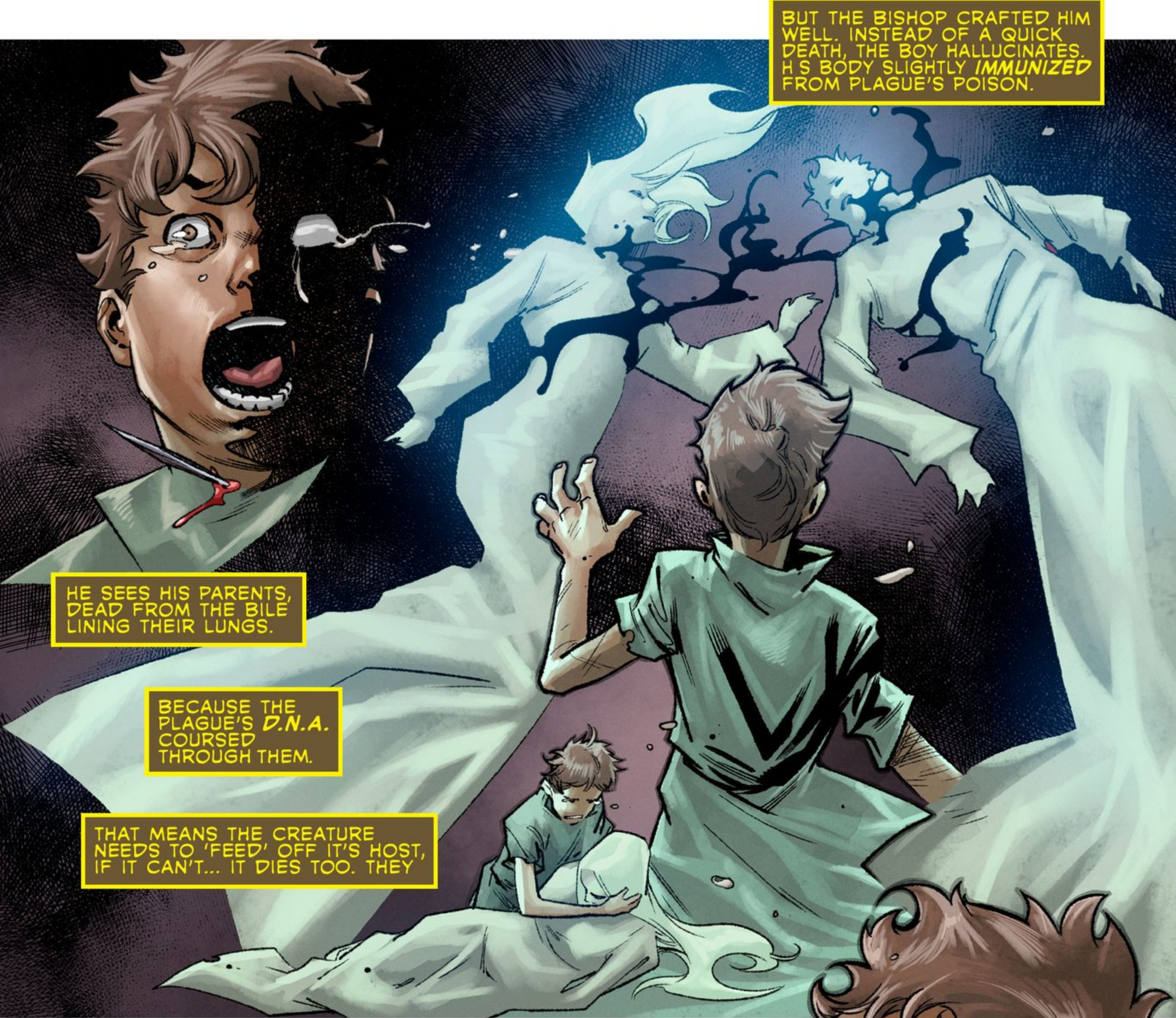
NO!
YOU MUST
DIE!



QUILLS PUNCTURE HIS BODY, EXCRETING POISON.

SHKSHK

CAN'T... BREATHE.



BUT THE BISHOP CRAFTED HIM WELL. INSTEAD OF A QUICK DEATH, THE BOY HALLUCINATES. HIS BODY SLIGHTLY **IMMUNIZED** FROM PLAGUE'S POISON.

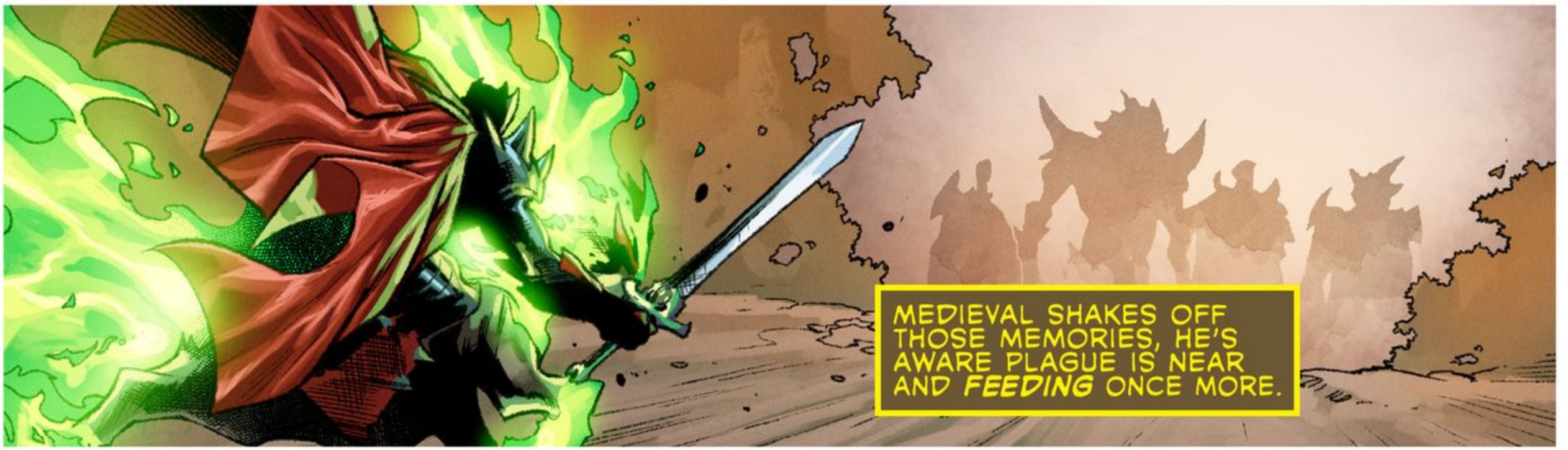
HE SEES HIS PARENTS, DEAD FROM THE BILE LINING THEIR LUNGS.

BECAUSE THE PLAGUE'S **D.N.A.** COURSED THROUGH THEM.

THAT MEANS THE CREATURE NEEDS TO 'FEED' OFF IT'S HOST, IF IT CAN'T... IT DIES TOO. THEY



THE RUTHLESS BISHOPS WERE CRUEL BUT **THEIR SPELL** GAVE HIM A CHANCE AT REDEMPTION. A CHANCE FOR **REVENGE!**



MEDIEVAL SHAKES OFF THOSE MEMORIES, HE'S AWARE PLAGUE IS NEAR AND **FEEDING** ONCE MORE.



SOME OF THE SCORCHED TEAM OFFERED TO HELP HIM. HE REFUSED. HE DOESN'T WANT THEIR HELP.

HE DOESN'T WANT **ANYONE'S** HELP BECAUSE THE BEAST CAN BEST BE DRAWN OUT IF HE FACES IT ALONE.

HIS ALLIES WILL NEED TO DEAL WITH THE SIN DEVOURERS THEMSELVES AS HIS FOCUS IS STRICTLY UPON...



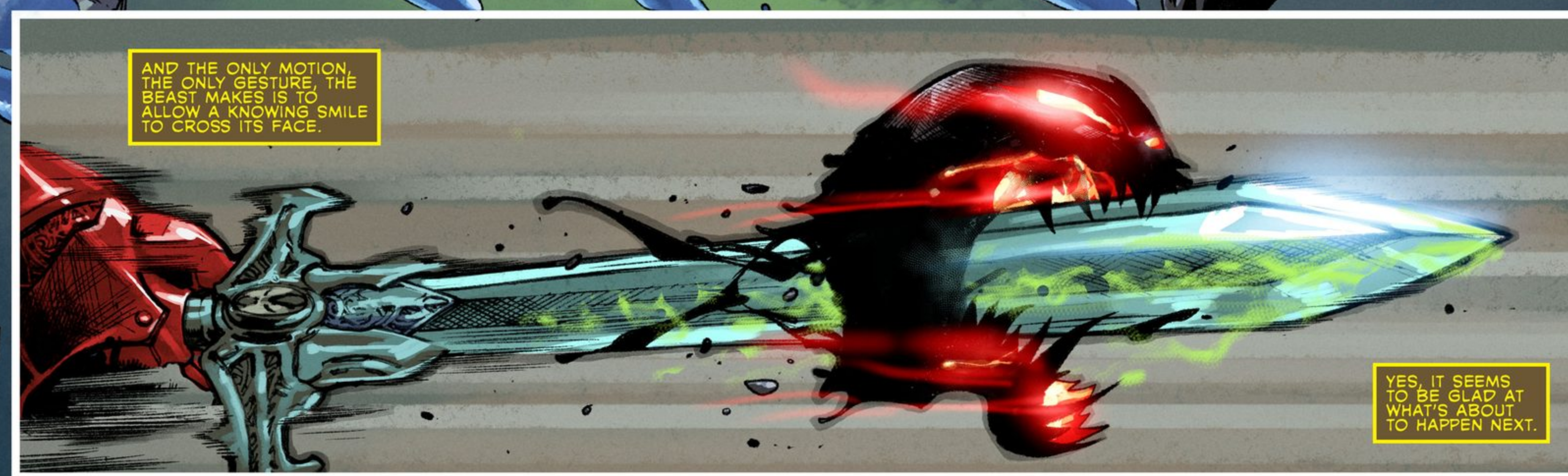
PLAGUE!



WAR CAN BE BEAUTIFUL.
IT REMINDS US OF THE
CHAOS WE COME FROM.
FIRES, BLOOD, DUST.

AND SO, THEY ALL WATCH:
THE SIN DEVOURERS,
SHE-SPAWN, GUNSLINGER,
HAUNT. MOMENTARILY
ENGROSSED BY MEDIEVAL'S
CHARGE!

HIS DEATH HORSE PUSHED TO
ITS OWN LIMITS TOWARDS AN
ENEMY THAT HAS REVELED IN
THE SUFFERING OF HUMANS
FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.



AND THE ONLY MOTION,
THE ONLY GESTURE, THE
BEAST MAKES IS TO
ALLOW A KNOWING SMILE
TO CROSS ITS FACE.

YES, IT SEEMS
TO BE GLAD AT
WHAT'S ABOUT
TO HAPPEN NEXT.

BECAUSE THE GIRL MEDIEVAL
LENT HIS CAPE TO IN RUSSIA,
NATASHA, SHE HAD BEEN IMBUED
BY PLAGUE'S CANCEROUS TOUCH.



BUT PLAGUE, RELEASED
HER AS MEDIEVAL'S SWORD
STRUCK, SO SHE WOULD
BE THE VICTIM OF THE
KNIGHT'S DEATHBLOW...
NOT PLAGUE!

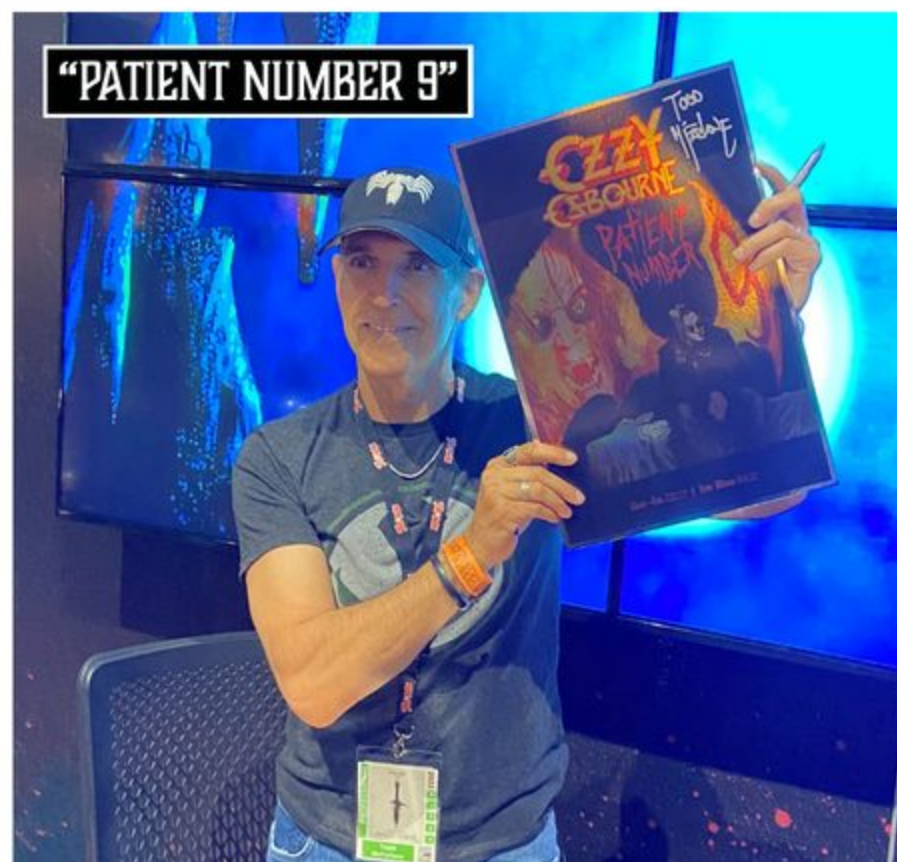


SHE WOULD BECOME
ANOTHER INNOCENT
CASUALTY OF THIS
UNHOLY WAR.



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SPAWN

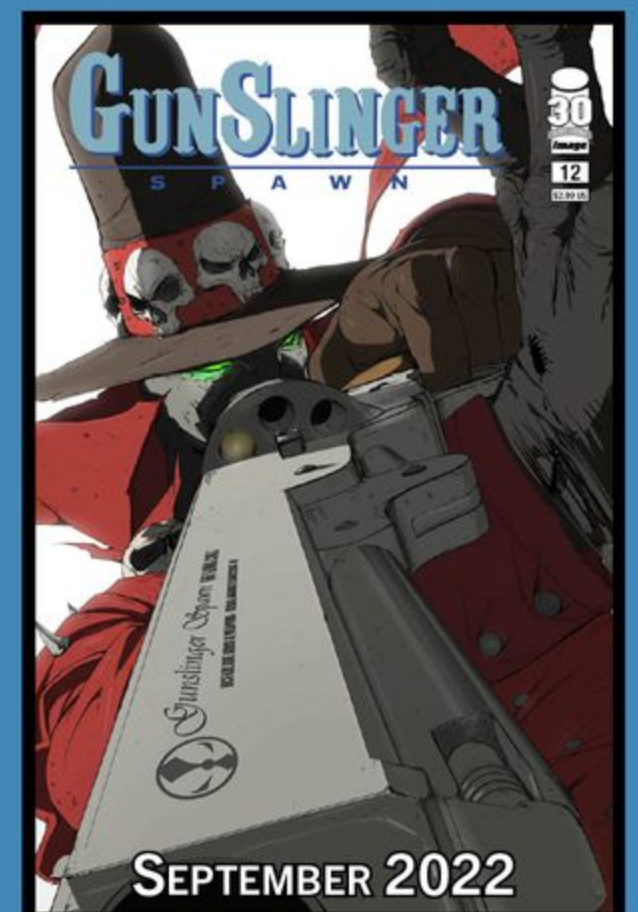


**KING
SPAWN**



SCORCHED

GUNSLINGER
S P A W N



ONGOING NOW!

VELVET DEADLY CLASS *ROYAL CITY*
LAZARUS **EAST OF WEST** I KILL GIANTS
THE WALKING DEAD I HATE FAIRYLAND
KING CITY *SEX CRIMINALS*
KILL OR BE KILLED **CURSE WORDS** *RATQUEENS*

SOUTHERN BASTARDS **SPAWN** THE WICKED + THE DIVINE **BLUE MONDAY**

MONSTRESS **CHEW** *KINGSMAN*
NOWHERE MEN

HOWTOONS THEY'RE NOT LIKE US **SUNSTONE** SEVEN TO ETERNITY

DESCENDER *PAPER GIRLS*

OCTOPUS PIE WYTCHEs SHUTTER

TOKYO GHOST THE BLACK MONDAY MURDERS **BITCH PLANET**

SAGA *MOTOR CRUSH* **WAYWARD** *TREES*
THE AUTUMNLANDS

CRIMINAL
PLUTONA *LOW*

REVIVAL **NAILBITER**

CAMP MIDNIGHT

SNOTGIRL **ODDLY NORMAL**

MAGE *HINGES*

BLACK SCIENCE

PRETTY DEADLY

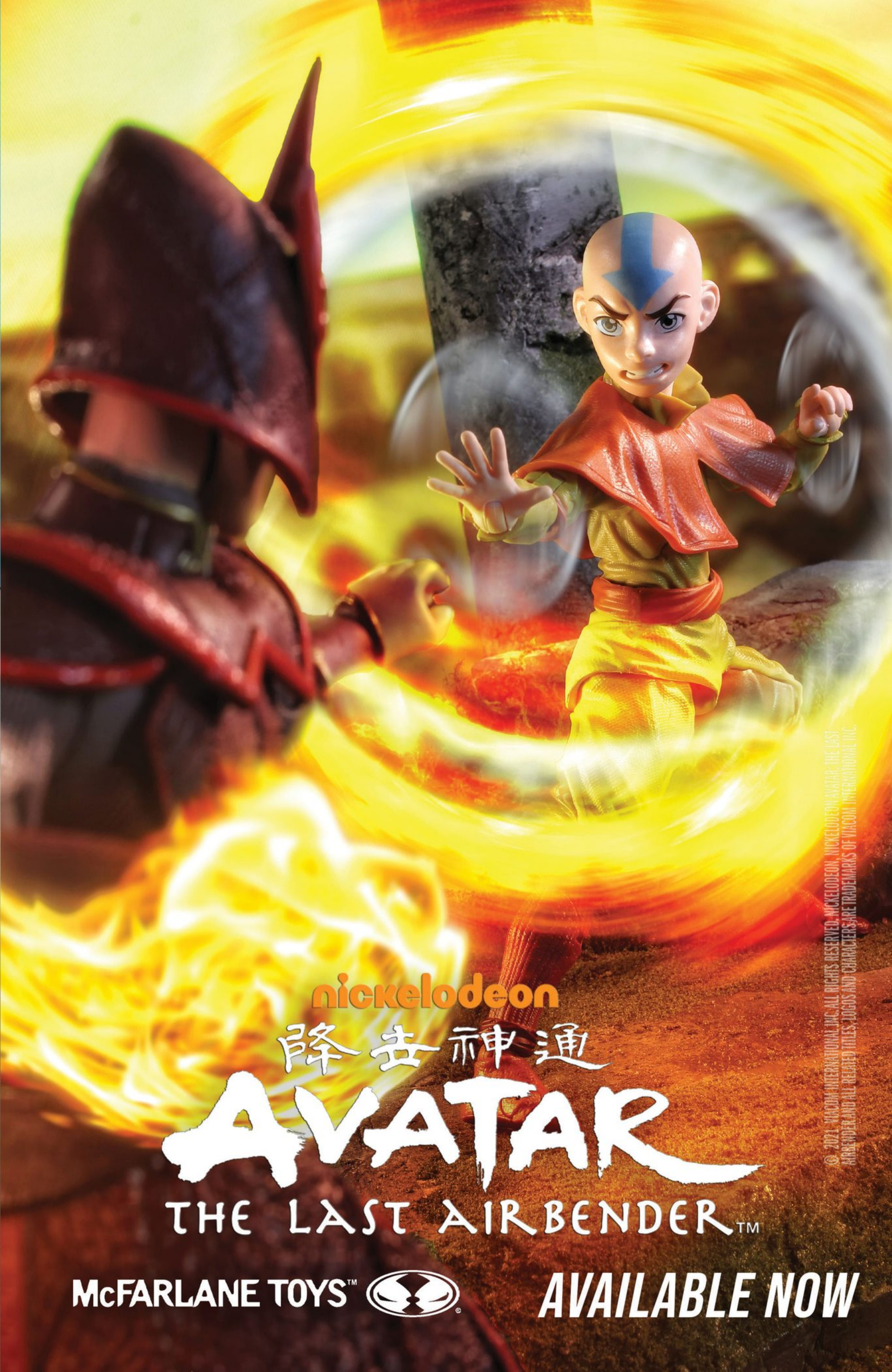
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